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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Cut Back of Publications on the  
Middle East Crisis

1. The time for some retrenchment in the Directorate's publications on the Middle East is at hand. We have already pared down the staffing of our Arab-Israeli Task Force and hope to cut back further later in the week. The traffic volume has diminished considerably.

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2. At the moment we produce a rather lengthy Situation Report daily at 4:30 pm and [redacted] contribution to the Special Assessments series entitled:

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[redacted] This publication is prepared during the day, updated during the early morning hours and delivered to the White House at 8:00 am daily. In addition we produce Spot Reports on the Middle East situation on an ad hoc basis whenever something significant occurs.

3. I would propose that:

- a. We keep the Task Force in being through the coming weekend, that is through 2 July. On 3 July the Arabists and other personnel associated with the Task Force could return to their regular desks. The Task Force chief would retain responsibility for responding to critical requirements, but would do so from his home office. Personnel would be deployed on the basis of

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two overlapping shifts a day  
assuring early morning and  
early evening coverage.

b. That henceforth, the Situation Re-  
ports be published only on the days  
when the Cabinet Excom is scheduled  
to meet.

c. That the [redacted]  
[redacted] be prepared during  
the day and shipped over to the  
White House on completion--hope-  
fully with a noon cut off date.

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d. That eventually the data contained  
in the [redacted]  
[redacted] be included in the  
Situation Reports, or if they have  
died out, in the CIB.

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Director of Current Intelligence

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